



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 900

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING AERIAL SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES AND FUNGICIDES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) No person shall engage in any aerial pesticide
2 application using a fixed wing aircraft except in an emergency, as
3 determined by: (1) The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in
4 consultation with The University of Connecticut College of Agriculture
5 for agricultural emergencies, or (2) the Commissioner of Public Health
6 for a public health emergency.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) The Commissioner of Agriculture, after
8 consultation with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and
9 The University of Connecticut College of Agriculture shall adopt
10 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for
11 the purpose of determining an agricultural emergency.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt
13 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes,
14 establishing fines for any violation of this act, including, but not
15 limited to: (1) Suspension and revocation of permit for persons who
16 commit violations of this section; and (2) requiring persons who violate
17 this section to engage in Best Management Practices.

18 Sec. 3. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars is
19 appropriated, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June

20 30, 2001, to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of funding a
21 study to be conducted by The University of Connecticut College of
22 Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources Management and
23 Engineering to measure the effects of atmospheric and geographic
24 conditions on drift from aerial pesticide applications in order to verify
25 and modify numerical models for spray drift.

26 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that section
27 2 shall take effect July 1, 2001, and section 1 shall take effect October 1,
28 2001.

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 1 was rewritten to avoid redundancy in language.

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*